

## CORRESPONDENCE

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The Editor,  
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DEAR SIR,

Referring to my letter of 15th August 1951 (*T.F.A.* 20, page 360) the table herewith gives the percentages invested in various classes of security as at 31st December 1951 by the ten life offices in respect of which similar figures were given in the appendix to Mr. A. C. Murray's paper "The Investment Policy of Life Assurance Offices" (*T.F.A.* 16, page 263). The percentages as at 31st December 1950 are given for comparison.

Designations of items 2, 3 and 4 have been altered to give effect to the current practice of most life offices.

As at 15th February 1951 stocks and shares of companies affected by the Iron and Steel Act 1949 were exchanged for stock guaranteed by the British Government. Although the total amount invested by the ten offices in British Government securities increased by about £1,500,000 during the year the percentage so invested shows a reduction on account of the relatively greater increase in total assets.

Yours faithfully

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PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL ASSETS OF TEN LIFE OFFICES  
INVESTED IN DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SECURITIES

	31 Dec. 1950	31 Dec. 1951
1. British Government Securities . . . . .	26·7	25·8
2. *Commonwealth (other than U.K.) Govern- ment Securities . . . . .	1·9	1·8
3. *Commonwealth (other than U.K.) Pro- vincial Securities . . . . .	·0	·0
4. *Commonwealth (other than U.K.) Muni- cipal Securities . . . . .	·3	·3
5. Foreign Municipal Securities . . . . .	·0	·0
6. Foreign Government and Provincial Securities . . . . .	·4	·6
7. Debentures and Debenture Stocks . . . . .	12·8	12·4
8. Preference and Guaranteed Stocks and Shares . . . . .	11·8	11·2
9. Ordinary Stocks and Shares . . . . .	19·3	20·1
10. Loans on Rates, Municipal and County Securities and Public Boards—United Kingdom . . . . .	3·5	3·4
11. Life Interests and Reversions and Loans thereon . . . . .	2·4	2·7
12. Loans on Stocks and Shares . . . . .	·1	·1
13. Loans on Policies within their Surrender Values . . . . .	1·8	1·7
14. Loans on Personal Security . . . . .	·0	·0
15. Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdom . . . . .	10·7	11·2
16. Mortgages on Property out of the United Kingdom . . . . .	·0	·0
17. Rent Charges, Freehold and Leasehold Ground Rents, etc. . . . .	1·4	1·4
18. House Property . . . . .	4·7	4·4
19. Cash, Deposits and Bank Balances . . . . .	·5	·9
20. Miscellaneous . . . . .	1·7	2·0
	<u>100·0</u>	<u>100·0</u>

\* The names of these classes have been altered to comply with current practice.